

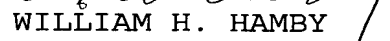
Applicant has canceled Claim 3, leaving the rejection of Claims 1-2 based on Pashcke et al alone at issue. Support for the two amendments to the claims -- "elastomeric" in Claim 1 and the addition of Claim 4 -- is found generally at page 4, line 29 to page 5, line 36 of the specification.

Regarding Paschke, there is no teaching of an aromatic polyamide resin composition comprising the blend of the inorganic filler and elastomeric impact modifier as in the present invention, nor has the reference recognized the criticality of this combination used together with the aromatic polyamide resin to obtain well balanced toughness and stiffness, without the attendant problems of warping of molded articles, and while also retaining excellent heat resistance. It is this criticality of blending the aromatic polyamide resin with the combination of inorganic filler and elastomeric impact modifier in the claimed weight ratios that show well balanced, superior properties of the impact modified resin material.

Moreover, and directing the Examiner's attention to the specification at page 5, line 36 to page 6, line 9, the invention disclosed herein was developed despite the broad range of undesirable outcomes (ejectibility defects, deformations, deterioration of heat resistance) that can occur if proper attention is not given to this careful science. To develop the invention as claimed against such odds, supports the position that the nature of the invention is not readily ascertainable from review of other references such as Paschke et al.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the instant claims are in condition for allowance and that the case may pass to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,


WILLIAM H. HAMBY
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS
REGISTRATION NO. 31,521
TELEPHONE: 302-992-3230
FACSIMILE: 302-992-3257

Dated: 12-14-99